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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7003

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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SUBJ: ENTENTE LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES

REF: A. STATE 205242; B. ABIDJAN 7784; ABIDJAN 7780

1. WITH TOGO SLOW TO RESPOND TO ENTENTE LIVESTOCK LOAN POSSIBILITIES, I HAVE BEEN LOATHE TO INJECT MYSELF INTO DISCUSSION WHICH HAS BEEN CARRIED ON BETWEEN AID/W, ABIDJAN, AND NIAMEY. ON OTHER HAND, WE HAVE BEEN URGING TOGO FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOAN. I HAVE SPOKEN TO PRESIDENT ABOUT IT (NOT RECENTLY, HOWEVER) AND DR ADAMS, ADMITTEDLY AT MY SUGGESTION, MENTIONED AVAILABILITY OF LOAN TO NEW MINISTER OF RURAL ECONOMY FOFANA DURING HIS VISIT HERE THIS OCTOBER.

2. IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE THAT TOGO CAN PRESENT WORKABLE PROJECTS, AS, FOR ESAMPLE, CATTLE TRAILS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 OF REF C, THEN I DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN WALK OUT NOW AND DEOBLIGATE FUNDS (ONE OF COURSES SUGGESTED IN REF A). I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE THEM AVAILABLE ON SIMPLEST BASIS COMPATIBLE WITH AID'S MINIMUM LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. I FRANKLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND AID PROCEDURES WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT THIS REQUIRES. I DO KNOW THAT ANY UNILATERAL MODIFICATION OF OUR OFFER OR,

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WORSE, TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF OUR STANDING LOAN OFFER, WOULD BE

CATASTROPHIC, IF TOGO'S PROPOSED CATTLE TRAILS CAN QUALIFY AT ALL. IT WAS, IN FACT, MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WAS PRECISELY THE KIND OF PROJECT THAT WAS CONTEMPLATED WHEN LOAN WAS GRANTED.

3. I HOPE THEREFORE THAT AID/W, IN CONJUNCTION WITH REDSO AND ADO, WILL DEVISE A WAY, WHILE MEETING AID'S MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, TO ENABLE US TO KEEP OUR PROMISE TO THOSE WE HAVE SO LONG BEEN ENCOURAGING TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS LOAN WHICH WE HAVE SO WIDELY ADVERTISED.
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